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Idle No More: What's it about?

Rallying for change.
Movement centres on giving the grassroots a voice, says coalition head

JANE CAULFIELD
Metro in Saskatoon

From a Saskatchewan grassroots movement to the upcoming Global Day of Action, Idle No More has grown loud enough that people, and governments, are starting to listen.

But when it comes to understanding the movement, many Canadians are still feeling left in the dark.

"It's really about providing an opportunity for grassroots people to have a voice," said Kim Beaudin, president of the Aboriginal Affairs Coalition of Saskatchewan.

"It is a movement of the voices that haven't been heard from for the last 100 years.... The majority of status Indian people in this country have woken up and want to be heard," said Beaudin.

When the movement first garnered attention, protests were against legislative changes made in the omnibus budget bill C-45 — namely, changes to the Indian Act, Navigation Protection Act and the Environmental Assessment Act.

Now, just two months after the movement's first demonstration in Saskatoon, the ideals behind Idle No More have morphed into something more broad: More inclusion for Aboriginal Peoples during the legislative process.

The Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations claims a lack of consultation when legislation is discussed, calling it a "breach of trust."

"The Government of Canada continues to dictate their own sets of laws and continues to act with total disregard to Supreme Court of Canada decisions and its constitutional and legal obligations to consult and, where necessary, accommodate," Chief Perry Bellegarde wrote in a press release in late December.

Friday's Global Day of Action will see rallies happening around the world, running parallel to a meeting between Prime Minister Stephen Harper and the Assembly of First Nations.

Quoted

"We have a right to participate in decision-making and, where applicable, Canada requires First Nations' consent." FSIN Chief Perry Bellegarde

In addition to the Idle No More movement, aboriginal issues have been front and centre with Tuesday's ruling by the Federal Court that Métis and non-status Indians are indeed "Indians." Here, Chief Steve Courtoreille of the Mikisew Cree First Nation speaks on Parliament Hill about legal action being taken against the federal government. More coverage on page 3.

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Here's how they used to mug for the camera

A travelling exhibition hosted by the RCMP Heritage Centre features 100 mug shots taken between 1886 and 1908 PAGE 2

Carrot on, wayward dieters

This carrot cake cuts back on the calories with pineapple, low-fat yogurt, banana and extra carrots PAGE 10

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RCMP Heritage Centre displays Arresting Images

Historical mug shots. Travelling exhibition showcases pictures of criminals from 1886-1908 by Ontario Provincial Police

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Ever wondered what a horse burglar from the turn of the century would look like? Or how about a bicycle thief?

The RCMP Heritage Centre is hosting a travelling exhibition, called Arresting Images, which features 100 mug shots taken between 1886 and 1908 by the Ontario Provincial Police.

Each picture has whatever information is known about the person in the photo, including their name, alias, reason for arrest and sentencing. It also highlights the social circumstances behind the photo in order to provide the context of the crime.

"It's about trying to understand their lives and their circumstances ... a time when society was so different," said Christine Van Der Merwe, coordinator of programming at the RCMP Heritage Centre.

Many of the mug shots do not look like the traditional shots we see today, as there was no standard at the time.

There is a variety in how the people are placed in the frame, and some are wearing hats or even holding a weapon. According to Van Der Merwe, sometimes police did not have the equipment to take the mugs and used the local professional photographer.

School groups will tour the exhibit over the next two weeks and will be able to take their own period mug shots. The exhibition ends on March 31.

This mug shot of Thomas Bradley, who was arrested in 1897 for pickpocketing during the Grand Trunk Railway Bridge celebration, is just one of 100 mugs featured at the exhibit. For a look at more mug shots, visit metronews.ca. ALYSSA MCDONALD/METRO

What's the charge?

- Con & Bunco & Work the Luck (Bunco is a card and dice game)
- Horse theft
- Raising bills $1.00 to $10.00
- Bicycle theft
- Grand larceny
- Stealing an overcoat from the Lafayette Hotel
- Thief and safe cracker

The winter blues have met their match

The Regina Floral Conservatory is a green house filled with flowers and other plants year round. JEFF MACKEY/METRO

Regina can be quite colourless in the winter months, its grey streets covered with murky slush, topped with sub-zero temperatures. But among all this blah is a small, colourful oasis that is always in bloom — the Regina Floral Conservatory.

The conservatory is a year-round green house that is host to a multitude of flowers that rotate in and out of the building throughout the year. Starting next week the conservatory will be home to an orchid display.

"It has been one of the best kept secrets in Regina," said Joanne Sens, a 12-year volunteer at the conservatory. "Everyone should be here at least once a month — if not more in January, just to fill your lungs up with fresh oxygen."

Seasonal Affective Disorder

- Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD), also known as the winter blues, is a depression that tends to recur as the days grow shorter.
- It is believed SAD is caused by a lack of sunlight and Canadians are particularly at risk of being affected by SAD due to the country's harsh winters.

The conservatory, located at 4th Avenue at St. John Street, is used for school trips, afternoon teas, weddings and birthday parties. The public is welcome to swing by between 1 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. every day. Admission to the conservatory is free, but donations are encouraged.

The garden is staffed by between 65 and 100 volunteers who keep the place running and the flowers blooming.

Sens said the place is popular with volunteers because of the "wonderful oxygen and fresh air and there is a wonderful fellowship between the people that work here, because they want to be here and love the place." JEFF MACKEY/METRO

Two fatal crashes close Trans-Canada Highway near Regina

Mounties in Saskatchewan closed the Trans-Canada Highway in both directions between Moose Jaw and Regina Tuesday evening due to two fatal crashes.

One of the crashes is 10 kilometres east of Belle Plaine, while the second is near the exit to Pilot Butte.

Police had warned people earlier today to avoid travel on highways in and around Regina due to the poor road conditions.

All around the area, police were responding to collisions and rollovers.

That includes Moose Jaw, Craik, Indian Head and Milestone.

RCMP also say emergency vehicles are having problems getting to these accidents because of the icy conditions.

Almost every highway in the province is experiencing winter driving conditions according to the highway hotline. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Watchdog tries to rein in big-brother Internet bill

Your privacy. Public outcry may force Tories to find a compromise over bill that will let police and others access your computer

Hands off our computer keyboards, protesters say — but the federal government has other ideas. Now the federal privacy watchdog is trying to find "middle ground between security and privacy." JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Broad powers

The Harper government's plans for Bill C-30 shocked Internet users all over Canada.

- **What privacy?** The legislation would give police, intelligence and Competition Bureau officers access to Internet subscriber information — names, addresses and phone numbers — without a warrant.
- **Watch your words.** It would also require service providers to let police intercept messages and conversations.

An intense public outcry over the Conservative government's blockbuster bid to bolster Internet surveillance powers may be paying off.

The federal privacy watchdog has jumped into the fray to try to help the Tories find a compromise.

The watchdog proposes new procedures that will, yes, give police and spies key information about Internet users.

But it's striving to retain the principle of judicial oversight, a memo obtained under the Access to Information Act shows.

The internal memo reveals assistant privacy commissioner Chantal Bernier asked University of Montreal law professor Karim Benyekhlef to "help find a middle ground between security and privacy."

Opponents of the bill say allowing authorities access to Internet subscriber information without a court-approved warrant would be a dangerous infringement of privacy, because even that limited data can be revealing.

Benyekhlef, a former federal prosecutor, says the bill is inconsistent with the Charter of Rights because it allows warrantless access to subscriber information.

"There is tradition in Canadian law that the state must have a warrant before exercising its search or seizure powers," Benyekhlef said.

The government has indicated the bill would go directly to a House of Commons committee, skipping the usual second reading, to allow for amendments. But it has not yet resurfaced. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Court fight. First Nations refuse to 'roll over and accept' two Tory bills

Two First Nations from Alberta are taking the federal government to court.

They claim they weren't consulted about Conservative omnibus budget legislation that makes significant changes to environmental protection and assessment.

The Mikisew Cree First Nation and the Frog Lake First Nation launched their legal challenge Tuesday in Ottawa.

"The rest of Canada should be with us in support and send a message to Stephen Harper and his government that what they're doing is wrong," said Chief Steve Courtoreille of the Mikisew Cree First Nation.

"They can't ram bills down our throats and expect us to roll over and accept it, because this is going to affect our future, affect the future of all of Canada."

The two First Nations want a judicial review of parts of Bill C-38 and Bill C-45, focusing on changes to the Fisheries Act and the Navigable Waters Protection Act. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Cold comfort? Global warming blamed for hottest year on record

Government meteorologists say 2012 was by far the hottest year on record in the United States.

The average temperature was over 55 F or 12.78 C, a full degree Fahrenheit warmer than the previous record of 1998. Normally, temperature records are broken by about a tenth of a degree.

Scientists blame the heat on global warming and weather variations. That includes the drought that gripped almost two-thirds of the nation.

July was also the hottest month on record.

The tally was released Tuesday by the National Climatic Data Center.

U.S. temperature records go back to 1895. They're based on reports from more than 1,200 stations across the Lower 48 states. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Yes, they're Indians, Canadian court rules

The federal government's responsibilities for aboriginal peoples just got a whole lot bigger.

After more than 13 years of legal wrangling, the Federal Court ruled Tuesday that Metis and non-status Indians are indeed "Indians" under a section of the Constitution Act and fall under federal jurisdiction.

The decision helps to clarify the relationship between Ottawa and more than 600,000 aboriginal people who are not affiliated with specific reserves.

"This is huge," said Betty Ann Lavallee, national chief of the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples.

"It ends the denial of aboriginal birthrights that has existed for far too long among off-reserve Metis and non-status Indians."

Lavallee added: "Today is a very emotional day for me and a very hopeful day for all off-reserve aboriginal peoples."

Federal Court Judge Michael Phelan wrote in a ruling that "the recognition of Metis and non-status Indian as Indians … should accord a further level of respect and reconciliation."

National chief Betty Ann Lavallee, pictured after the ruling, said: "Today is a very emotional day for me and a very hopeful day for all off-reserve aboriginal peoples." ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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"This is going to require a lot of bureaucratic re-thinking and policy development."

Robert Janes, a Victoria lawyer who focuses on aboriginal issues

While the decision does not go so far as to declare that the federal government has a fiduciary responsibility to the group, it says such duties would flow automatically now that their standing has been clarified.

"There is no dispute that the Crown has a fiduciary relationship with aboriginal people both historically and pursuant to section 35 (of the Constitution)," Phelan writes.

The Congress of Aboriginal Peoples and several Metis and non-status Indians argued they are entitled to some or all of the same rights and benefits as on-reserve First Nations members.

They say that includes access to the same health, education and other benefits Ottawa gives status Indians and being able to hunt, trap, fish and gather on public land. THE CANADIAN PRESS

911 call

Help! Hamsters are invading

A hamster invasion is no emergency, say RCMP in Coquitlam, B.C., who are reminding callers how to use the 911 line.

Const. Jamie Chung said an angry man called 911 after buying a hamster that gave birth to a litter of 10.

He said the man was upset because the store refused to give him a refund.

Chung says the call-taker explained the 911 line isn't there to settle consumer disputes and talked the man out of dropping the hamster brood off in the Mounties' parking lot. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Chemical courtship

Wasps 'go steady' by playing tag

Biologists say fast-flying male wasps use smooth moves to build harems of female lovers.

Simon Fraser University researchers say the tiny insect Lotharios use their antennae to tag a female's antennae with a potent pheromone.

And this chemical substance tells other male wasps the lady is taken. THE CANADIAN PRESS

B.C drama

18-year-old hurt in avalanche

An 18-year-old man has been injured in an avalanche on Mount Washington on central Vancouver Island.

RCMP Cpl. Darren Lagan said a search-and-rescue crew was on the way to help those caught in the slide. Lagan couldn't say how badly injured the victim was. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Is this art?

Nude man a hot sight on icy lake

A Halifax RCMP officer was confronted with an arresting sight: A naked man on a frozen lake.

In fact, there were two people on the ice, said Cpl. Scott MacRae. The officer saw the "middle-aged naked man and a woman in her 20s taking pictures of him" for an art project, MacRae said.

The officer told them their behaviour was unsafe because of weak ice, and they apologized. No charges were laid. METRO IN HALIFAX

3D gun printing in sight ahead of U.S. reforms

Ready for action: an assault rifle made with printed parts. CONTRIBUTED

Armed. Company produces parts likely to be banned by pending gun-control plans

KIERON MONKS
Metro World News

After the tragedies of Sandy Hook and Aurora, the U.S. government is preparing to introduce stricter guidelines on gun ownership. But supporters of the Second Amendment could get around them by printing their own firearms at home.

The technology is still developing, but 2012 saw the first shots fired from guns with printed parts. "Gun hacking" has a growing community in online forums and has become serious business.

"I have five people now making AK-47 magazines — they're incredibly easy to reproduce," Cody Wilson, CEO of the Defense Distributed company in Texas, told Metro. A firm believer in the right to bear arms, Wilson is deliberately producing parts for assault weapons likely to be banned by new controls.

"(U.S. Vice-President) Joe Biden's group are using the assumption that if you control the channel you control the product — but that is not the case anymore," says Wilson.

His company has made open-source code for more than 30 gun parts available online, and claims they receive thousands of downloads a day.

The printed guns are not a finished product. "At this point, the biggest problem is the force of explosion in the chamber," Kevin Coleman, military technology analyst, told Metro. But the U.S. military has begun to outfit its mobile labs with 3D printers to replace parts, and Coleman believes "further down the line you could produce a weapon that way."

So how could the weapons be controlled? Government can't intervene effectively, says Michael Weinberg, an attorney specializing in emerging technologies. "When you apply anger over gun control to a general-purpose technology, there's a lot of collateral damage," he said."

Counterweight. Giffords to fight powerful gun lobby

Gabrielle Giffords GETTY IMAGES FILE

The former U.S. congresswoman who was shot in the head two years ago launched on Tuesday a national effort against gun violence, saying she and her husband will work to counter the country's strong gun lobby, the NRA.

Gabrielle Giffords' effort comes as the Obama administration faces a self-imposed deadline at the end of this month to propose ways to curb the mass shootings and other violence that continue to grip the country. The administration this week is calling gun-owner groups, victims' organizations and representatives from the video-game industry to the White House for discussions.

The sense of urgency comes after a young man with a high-powered rifle, legally purchased by his mother, shot 20 young children and six adults to death at a school in Connecticut last month. President Barack Obama, who had been quiet on gun violence during his first term, called the shooting the worst moment of his presidency.

One top Republican has warned that action on gun violence will be pushed back due to debate over fiscal issues.

Giffords, who has owned a Glock pistol, and her husband, former astronaut Mark Kelly, are becoming prominent voices for gun-control efforts. They wrote in an opinion piece published in USA Today that their Americans for Responsible Solutions, a political action committee, would help raise money to support greater gun-control efforts.

"Achieving reforms to reduce gun violence and prevent mass shootings will mean matching gun lobbyists in their reach and resources," they wrote. The National Rifle Association said after the Connecticut shooting that the solution would be putting an armed security officer in every school.

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Real estate market 'still relatively solid'

Mortgage lending. Country's top bankers tell conference that slowdown is limited to certain markets

Canada's real estate market remains "relatively solid" and should experience a "soft landing" despite the current slowdown and fears of overbuilding in the condominium segment, the country's leading bankers said Tuesday.

Speaking to a RBC banking conference in Toronto, the country's top bankers said they don't expect a dramatic downturn like the one in the United States about five years ago.

The bursting of the U.S. housing bubble is considered a major cause of the credit crunch that swept Wall Street and then the global economy in the fall of 2008, after interest rates on sub-prime mortgages rose and defaults soared.

By contrast, sub-prime mortgages have been less common in Canada and real estate prices have trended upward for the most part — except for a few months during the 2008-09 recession and in some economically disadvantaged areas.

"Our expectation is that the overall real estate market in Canada is still relatively solid," Royal Bank CEO Gord Nixon said Tuesday.

Despite reports that suggest Canadian housing is in crisis, he said the pullback is limited to a couple of markets, notably Vancouver.

"We have seen a slowdown in sales and we've certainly seen a slowdown in mortgage demand but price levels are relatively stable," he said.

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Market Minute

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TSX 12,504.81 (+5.26)

OIL $93.15 US (-4¢)

GOLD $1,662.20 US (+$15.90)

Natural gas: $3.22 US (-5¢)
Dow Jones: 13,328.85 (-55.44)

Amid Spain's turmoil, a ray of hope

Health workers protest against austerity measures outside a hospital in Pamplona, northern Spain, on Tuesday. Amid the country's economic turmoil, there's news that its borrowing costs have dropped sharply from unsustainable highs last year. Spain's Treasury says it plans to borrow 230 billion euro (about $300 billion) in 2013, down from 250 billion euro last year, and is expecting to pay lower interest rates than those that battered the country in 2012. ALVARO BARRIENTOS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

2-day shipping

Amazon Prime comes to Canada

Amazon has launched its unlimited, two-day shipping service in Canada. The world's largest online retailer says Amazon Prime will now be on offer to Canadian customers for an annual fee of $79.

Amazon says the two-day shipping guarantee will be offered in most of Canada. Customers in rural areas, particularly in the North or the Maritimes, can get unlimited shipping but without the two-day guarantee.

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Hamburger U founder

Ex-McDonald's CEO dies at 80

A former McDonald's CEO who helped expand the fast-food chain's global footprint and spearheaded the creation of Hamburger University has died after suffering complications from pneumonia, the company said. He was 80 years old.

During Fred L. Turner's time as CEO from 1974 to 1987, McDonald's more than tripled its number of locations and set up shop in dozens of new markets, the company said in a statement. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Conflict allegation

Alberta premier faces ethics probe

Alberta's ethics commissioner is investigating a conflict of interest allegation involving Premier Alison Redford over a government lawsuit filed against Big Tobacco.

It's alleged Redford awarded the lawsuit contract in 2011 to a group of law firms that included her former husband, Robert Hawkes, when she was justice minister. Alberta Liberal Leader Raj Sherman asked the ethics commissioner to investigate.

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DOES THE NHL THINK WE'RE ALL CHUMPS?

JUST SAYIN'
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Are you ready for some hockey?

You've probably been ready since last September, but the NHL does not care.

The NHL does care about salary caps, revenue sharing, pension plans, free agency and all the other arcana of the hockey business, so much so that they shut the whole show down for 113 days to eliminate distractions.

Message to fans: Not now; not now. Can't you see? I'm talking about bidness?

So now an agreement between the players and the owners has been struck, and arenas across North America should be open for business on Jan. 19.

Hockey's back. The question is: Do you care?

The answer is easy: Of course you do. You grew up on skates. You live and die by the fortunes of your team. You personally identify with your favourite players, from Ryan Kesler to Ryan Nugent-Hopkins to … someone … on the Toronto Maple Leafs roster, I'm sure.

Send in the clowns

The NHL has your number. It owns your hockey soul, and when the gates swing open next Saturday, the NHL expects you to be there, all decked out in the jersey of your favourite multi-millionaire and your foam finger.

You care so much it hurts. It hurts when the game takes your heart and slams it into the boards. This is the second NHL lockout in the last decade. Last time, like an abused spouse, you came back, hoping it would be different. It's not different. Are you going to come back this time?

Of course you are.

The NHL has your number. It owns your hockey soul, and when the gates swing open next Saturday, the NHL expects you to be there, all decked out in the jersey of your favourite multi-millionaire and your foam finger.

And you will be there, because the NHL is the only game that matters. Hockey's entire culture, built on a base of suburban rinks and small town arenas, fuels the NHL, where the 690 best players on Earth do their thing. If you're watching the Oshawa Generals, it's to spot future NHL stars. If you're watching the Abbotsford Heat, it's only because a real NHL pro is passing through or falling in. If you're watching the Spengler Cup, you're watching a reshuffle of the NHL deck.

They have you where they want you. Which is why they can take you for granted and shut the league down while they haggle over the salary cap or whatever. They know you'll be there, nose pressed to the Plexiglass, when they decide it's time.

A word about "you." You are not a resident of Tampa Bay, Florida, U.S.A. You are Johnny Canuck from Moose Jaw or Moosonee. You know that whatever happens in Miami or Minsk, hockey is your birthright. No one else in the world cares the way you care.

If that makes you a chump, then so be it. At least, now there's hockey.

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Catch a tiger by the flail

ASHLEY VINCENT/NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTO CONTEST

Prize capture

Tigress in water photo wins big

An Indochinese tigress named Busaba shakes herself dry after a swim at Khao Kheow Open Zoo in Chonburi, Thailand. The Explosion! by Ashley Vincent, 49, a British wildlife photographer based in Thailand, shook off the competition of more than 22,000 entries to win the 2012 National Geographic Photography Contest. **METRO WORLD NEWS**

Equipment used

- Canon EOS 7D with a Canon EF 70-200mm f/2.8L IS MK II USM lens.

Q&A with photographer Ashley Vincent

'An explosion of water droplets'

How did this photo come about?
My family and I were showing my mother-in-law around the zoo. She wanted to see some tigers, so we made our way over to Busaba, who at the time was being fed slivers of fresh meat. I'd never taken much interest before in watching this — it's more for the benefit of visitors to Thailand — until one piece Busaba had caught hold of slipped and fell into the pool. She dived in to retrieve it and, as she reemerged, shook herself dry with an explosion of water droplets, and in an instant I had a cartoon light bulb appear above my head!

For you, what message is revealed in this image?
This is just one moment when this animal is so engaged in natural behaviour that any melancholy thoughts we may have, like animals in captivity, are expelled from our minds. It's freedom from thought.

Any advice for budding photographers?
For all the money I've spent travelling around in Asia and Africa to picture wild animals, ironically this winning image I captured was taken about 30 minutes away from my house. I believe a tiger, for example, in captivity can be every bit as amazing and gorgeous as a tiger in the wild. So as wonderful as "wild" animal photography can be, until such a dream opportunity comes along, don't feel in any way disadvantaged because the only alternative you may have is to photograph captive animals.
METRO WORLD NEWS

That's entertainment?

All not right as Rain in S. Korean army

South Korea's defence ministry has decided to confine pop star Rain to his base for a week for meeting with an actress while on duty.

The penalty is the lightest a South Korean soldier can face. Paparazzi photos recently showed Rain with actress Kim Tae-hee when he wasn't allowed to have private meetings while outside his base for official duties such as recording and performing.

Rain is fulfilling his two-year mandatory military service as an "entertainment soldier." His meetings with Kim raised suspicions that the military was coddling popular entertainers with special favours because they help enhance its image. Officials deny it.

Time magazine named him one of the world's 100 most influential people in 2011. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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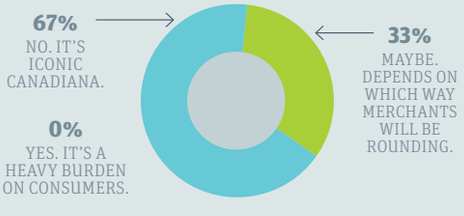

Twitter

@canadogreg:
The 36 darkest days of the year have now passed... #whew lighter every day.

@shelbymoffatt:
I have a hard time remembering to shave my legs during Winter. Hairy legs at the gym, anyone?

@pau1234la:
I'm so bummed out that I'm in psychology-academia-land and not in the film industry. #skfilm #skpoli #sfetc

@morganwadsworth:
I feel like being outside on this beautiful sunny day in #yqr.

@tylerdurston:
Hey #YQR! I just want you all to know...I love Regina! :) #GreaterThanSoon

@cdmercer7:
#RRI project would have been awesome had there been no stadium in it. Should be a separate entity, and you know it! #yqr #YQRcc #skpoli

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In Focus

Hoping for more award success

IN FOCUS
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Zero Dark Thirty is billed as "the story of history's greatest manhunt for the world's most dangerous man." It's a carefully plotted espionage tale that flows from the clues that lead to the death of Osama bin Laden at the hands of the Navy SEAL Team 6 in May, 2011 and it will very likely earn its director, Kathryn Bigelow, an Academy Award nomination.

It won't be the first time the Academy has honoured her. In fact, she's one for the record books. Her last film, The Hurt Locker, was a huge critical hit and made her the first woman to win best director awards from the Academy Awards, the Directors Guild of America, the BAFTAs and the Critics' Choice Awards.

It was her first serious awards recognition, but it wasn't her first film. At age 61 she is a veteran with nine features, hours of television and music videos for bands like New Order to her credit.

Critic Jon Popick called her first film, 1982's The Loveless, "a slightly hallucinatory homage to The Wild Ones," which means it's a surreal outlaw biker film, one part tribute, two parts reinvention.

A trilogy of action films — Blue Steel, Point Break and Strange Days — saw her blend technical sophistication with themes that redefined the genre of the movies.

"When you have this great social tool, at the very least, take advantage of it as a means to communicate."

Movie violence in a gun sensitive period

Industry issues.
The Gangster Squad and The Last Stand filmmakers respond to shootings

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News

Sean Penn stars in The Gangster Squad, which opens this weekend in the shadow of recent gun violence in the U.S. HANDOUT

The recent high-profile U.S. shootings — most notably in a movie theatre in Colorado in July and an elementary school in Connecticut just before Christmas — have brought attention back to gun violence in popular culture. It's an issue the people behind two of this month's more bullet-ridden releases have had to grapple with while promoting their films.

"It's obviously something that's affected all of us. I don't think anybody has spent the last few weeks not thinking a lot about that, but this is fantasy and that's reality," says Lorenzo di Bonaventura, producer of the Arnold Schwarzenegger shoot-em-up The Last Stand, out later this month. "I think we need to figure out reality, and fantasy always follows reality. I'm not a politician, so I'll stay off my point of view, but it's clearly something that all of us have a great deal of respect for what those people have suffered, and we don't look at this as part of that. They're two different things."

One film that's been even more closely linked to recent tragedy is Gangster Squad, about police going to war with a ruthless criminal in 1940s L.A. Originally, the film featured a scene depicting mobsters opening fire on a movie theatre full of patrons, but Warner Bros. quickly decided to cut the scene and postpone the film's release following the movie theatre shooting in Aurora, Colo.

"The Aurora shooting was an unspeakable tragedy, and out of respect for the families of the victims, we felt it necessary to reshoot that sequence, and I'm proud of the fact that I did that," director Ruben Fleischer says. "I think that we should all respect the tragedy and not draw associations to our film as a result of ... I mean to these types of tragedies."

While producers and directors might be careful with their statements, their stars are much more willing to spout off on the topic. Gangster Squad star Josh Brolin thinks connecting violence onscreen to violence in real life is a misguided oversimplification.

"You have to look at the grand scheme of things, from a universal standpoint," Brolin, who fires his fair share of rounds in Gangster Squad, says. "You have video games, you have psycho-pharmaceuticals, you have lowest employment, you have parents that aren't at home. You have CNN who gloms on to the worst of what's going on and not necessarily the best or the most heroic. So, there's many different factors. There's always been violence in movies and there always will be violence in movies. Whether it leads to the one psychotic that's out there that's thinking the worst thoughts you can possibly think is always going to be a mystery, I think."

Quote

"If there is a problem there, let's analyze it. Let's not jump to conclusions, let's analyze"

Arnold Schwarzenegger
Talking about America looking at new gun laws to prevent recent attacks.

Schwarzenegger agrees that scapegoating entertainment is a mistake.

"It's two different issues. This is entertainment, and the other thing is a tragedy beyond belief and it's serious and the real deal," he says, referring to the shooting in Newtown, Conn.

The former governor of California, who's no stranger to hot-button issues, already sees plenty of areas that need investigating.

"How can we do better with gun laws? If there is any loophole, if there is a problem there, let's analyze it. Let's not jump to conclusions, let's analyze," he says.

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Kelly Osbourne ALL IMAGES GETTY

Kelly Osbourne learning to ignore taunts

Kelly Osbourne has worked hard to slim down, but she's learning the hard way that for some naysayers, nothing she does is good enough. "I'm the thinnest I've ever been and the healthiest I've ever been. The totally insane thing is that I'm a U.K. size four to six and people still say I'm fat," she tells Fabulous magazine. "I get called fat all the time. A big fat whore." What's most surprising is that much of the vitriol comes from fans of one of the biggest opponents of bullying and negativity. "Lady Gaga's fans are the worst," Osbourne says. "They've said I should kill myself, that they hope I get raped. I mean, it's crazy but I've had this all my life and I just try and ignore it."

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Bieber hashtag encourages fans to cut themselves

KIERON MONKS
Metro World News

Late Monday evening, Justin Bieber was trending on Twitter. Hardly new for the tween icon, but this was a darker episode, with the hashtag #cuttingforBieber used by young fans to offer blood sacrifices to their hero.

"Beliebers" participated in a campaign of self-harm in response to a weekend picture that appeared to show Bieber smoking marijuana.

Hundreds of images of slashed arms, some obviously fake, some disturbingly real, flooded the social network. "Why did you do this @justinbieber You broke my heart," one user posted above a graphic image of the user's injuries.

The campaign was orchestrated by the 4Chan forum, popular with trolls, and plans can be seen on the website.

"Lets see if we can get some little girls to cut themselves," a member wrote, and fake pictures were seeded to encourage the trend.

The horrific episode was picked up by celebrities, including singer and friend of Bieber, Miley Cyrus. "Cutting is NOT something to joke about.

There are people who are actually suffering from self-harm, this is so disrespectful," the star tweeted.

Bieber fans are known for their zeal and the "Bieber fever" phenomenon has been studied by psychologists. Two fans were arrested in December for plotting to castrate and murder the Canadian singer.

Taylor Swift

Romance fades as Swift's ex parties with Branson

Taylor Swift's fledging romance with One Direction member Harry Styles appears to be over, as Swift left their romantic getaway to the British Virgin Islands early after a reportedly heated argument with Styles, according to Business Insider.

But while photos of Swift looking glum and lonely on her trip back hit the Internet, Styles apparently wasn't too broken up about the break up.

"Richard Branson heard Harry was staying nearby so invited him to come check out Necker (Island)," a source says. "So when Taylor left for the states, Harry went to Branson's island for the day to let off some steam. He did plenty of partying and was definitely enjoying himself while hanging out with guests. He returned to Virgin Gorda in the early morning hours looking like he had a raucous night."

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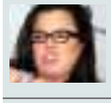
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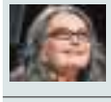
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Dear United States: Please don't make a trillion dollar coin to get out of your problems.

The new links of Barbados are a hole-in-one for golfers

Swinging in the sun. From sugar cane meadows to Atlantic coastline, these courses put the island's terrain to good use

BRIAN KENDALL
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The Green Monkey course at Sandy Lane resort is one of the world's must-plays. SANDY LANE HOTEL CO. LTD FOR SANDY LANE

Once reliant on a traditional sun, sand and sea tourism strategy, Barbados signalled its arrival as a major player in Caribbean golf with the 2009 launch of Apes Hill Club.

The gorgeous 7,150-yard layout, which dips and twists through lush jungle, an abandoned coral quarry and the reclaimed fields of a former sugar plantation, is the centrepiece of an exclusive new residential community offering views of both the Atlantic Ocean and the Caribbean Sea from a hilltop site near the lively community of Holetown.

Apes Hill joins posh Sandy Lane resort's two acclaimed 18-hole courses, as well as Royal Westmoreland Golf and Country Club, as the golf headliners of a popular island destination of remarkable contrasts — from the windswept Atlantic coastline to vast meadows of sugar cane to the serene waters of the Caribbean coast, the site of most of the resorts. The former British colony is renowned for its white-sand beaches, hospitable people (known as Bajans) and its refined atmosphere.

Barbados ignited its golf boom with the 1994 launch of Royal Westmoreland, a superb Robert Trent Jones Jr. design near the capital of Bridgetown. Officially opened by Prince Andrew — who wowed onlookers by splitting the fairway with his first drive — the 7,045 parkland-style layout offers breathtaking views of the Caribbean Sea with almost every shot.

Royal Westmoreland reigned supreme until 2004, when the celebrity-packed but ill-fated wedding of Tiger Woods at nearby Sandy Lane resort focused international attention on the ultra-exclusive property's new $25-million Green Monkey course. Designed by Tom Fazio, the 7,389-yard behemoth slowly builds drama through the first eight holes before startling golfers with a rapid descent into an abandoned quarry.

So spectacular is the design and seaside setting that the Green Monkey instantly became one of the world's must-play courses. The only hitch is that access is restricted to guests of Sandy Lane, one of the Caribbean's priciest resorts. Sandy Lane does, however, offer public play on its other Fazio championship layout, the Country Club course, a lush parkland-style jewel, and on its nine-hole Old Nine course.

Apes Hill, the newest headliner, boasts a pedigree to rival even that of the Green Monkey. The project is a partnership between local entrepreneur Sir Charles Williams, whose family came from England to Barbados in the 1600s, and Landmark Land Company, the developer of such renowned golf properties as California's La Quinta Resort and Club and South Carolina's Kiawah Island Golf Resort. Wentworth Club, the famous English golf and country club, signed on to run the golf operation.

Apes Hill is the newest addition to Barbados's golf offerings. APES HILL CLUB

The golf course has created a buzz throughout the Caribbean. Designed by Jeff Potts and Chris Cole for Landmark, Apes Hill winds seamlessly through a rolling and still mostly wild landscape where green monkeys are often seen feasting on Barbados cherries, ackee and breadfruit. Especially thrilling are the jungle holes, 11 to 14, a quartet enthusiastically described by Golf World magazine as "every bit as dramatic and invigorating" as Augusta National's Amen Corner.

Rounding out the island's roster of courses is Barbados Golf Club, an affordable and challenging 6,697-yard government-owned layout, and the player-friendly, nine-hole Rockley Golf Club. Barbados, after years of building golf courses, is ready to play.

Carrot Cake with Cream Cheese Frosting that goes easy on calories

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People often think carrot cake is healthier than other desserts, but beware of recipes that sound healthy!

Most carrot cakes are full of oil, butter, eggs and regular sour cream.

This version greatly reduces the fat by using pineapple, extra carrots, low-fat yogurt and ripe banana to create the moist texture typical of carrot cake. As a result, it comes in at 223 calories per serving.

You can replace the raisins with chopped, pitted dates, apricots or prunes.

If you use a food processor to mix the batter, take care not to over process it or it will ruin the final product.

A garnish of shredded carrots or orange zest is a nice touch.

1. Preheat the oven to 350 F. Spray a 9-inch Bundt pan with cooking oil.

2. For the cake, beat the oil and granulated sugar in a large bowl until smooth. Add the eggs and vanilla, beating the mixture well (it may look curdled). Add the banana, carrots, raisins, pineapple and yogurt. Stir until everything is well combined.

3. Combine the flour, baking powder, baking soda, cinnamon and nutmeg in a separate bowl, mixing well. Add to the carrot mixture and stir just until everything is combined. Pour the mixture into the prepared pan.

4. Place the pan in the centre of the oven and bake for 40 to 45 minutes, or until a tester inserted in the centre comes out clean. Cool in the pan on a rack. When it's no longer hot, invert the cake onto a serving plate.

5. For the icing, beat the cream cheese, icing sugar and milk in a bowl or food processor until smooth. Drizzle over the top of the cake. **ROSE REISMAN'S COMPLETE LIGHT KITCHEN (WHITECAP BOOKS)**

Ingredients

Cake
- 1/3 cup vegetable oil
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 2 large eggs
- 1 tsp pure vanilla extract
- 1 large ripe banana, mashed
- 2 cups grated carrots (about 6 oz)
- 2/3 cup raisins
- 1/2 cup canned crushed pineapple, drained
- 1/2 cup low-fat yogurt
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 1/2 tsp baking powder
- 1 1/2 tsp baking soda
- 1 1/2 tsp ground cinnamon
- 1/4 tsp ground nutmeg

Icing
- 1/3 cup light cream cheese, softened
- 2/3 cup icing sugar
- 1 tbsp low-fat milk or water

Carrot Cake with Cream Cheese Frosting

This recipe serves 16. MARK SHAPIRO, FROM ROSE REISMAN'S COMPLETE LIGHT KITCHEN (WHITECAP BOOKS)

Drink of the Week

Pineapple Upside-Down Cake

Who doesn't love dessert? Here, the classic Pineapple Upside-Down Cake is given a grown-up, liquid twist. With vanilla vodka, pineapple juice and more, it's a sweet treat.

- 1 oz Smirnoff Vanilla Vodka
- .5 oz Amaretto
- 2 oz pineapple juice
- Splash grenadine
- Garnish with cherry/orange wheel

Shake all the ingredients with ice in a shaker. Strain over fresh ice.

Spike a sword with a cherry and orange wheel and place on top of the cocktail. Add a cocktail straw and serve.

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All the decadence and rich chocolate, none of the flour

You want something rich and decadent. Something chocolate. Something that will impress. But you don't want to spend hours making it.

The answer? A flourless chocolate cake. It's like a baked truffle — simple, yet sensational enough to impress your guests.

All you have to do is dress it up with whipped cream and fresh berries. Be sure to cut small slices from this; it really is amazingly rich.

1. Heat the oven to 350 F. Coat an 8-inch cake pan with cooking spray. Line the bottom of the pan with a piece of parchment paper cut to fit. Set the cake pan in a larger baking dish, such as a 9-by-13-inch baking pan.

2. In a medium saucepan over medium-high heat, melt the butter. Remove the pan from the heat and stir in the chocolate bits until completely melted and smooth. Stir in the coffee.

3. In bowl, use an electric mixer to beat together the eggs, brown sugar, cocoa powder, salt and brandy for 2 to 3 minutes, or until slightly thickened. Beat in the chocolate-butter mixture. The batter should resemble a thick pudding. Pour the batter into the cake pan, jiggling the pan to settle the batter so that it's level.

This recipe serves 16. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

4. Place the larger pan with the cake pan in it into the oven. Pour hot water into the larger pan, being careful not to get any water on the cake batter.

5. Add enough water to bring it halfway up the sides of the cake pan. Bake for 35 to 40 minutes, or until the cake is slightly puffed and set in the middle.

6. Carefully remove the pan from the oven; be careful not to splash the hot water. Remove the cake pan from the water bath and allow the cake to cool fully in the pan. Place a serving plate over the cake pan and invert so that the pan is on top of the serving plate. Gently lift the cake pan off, then peel away the parchment paper.

7. Serve topped with whipped cream and fresh berries or chocolate shavings.

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Ingredients

- 1 1/2 cups (3 sticks) unsalted butter
- 12 oz bittersweet chocolate bits
- 3/4 cup strong brewed coffee
- 6 eggs
- 3/4 cup packed brown sugar
- 1/2 cup unsweetened cocoa powder, sifted
- Pinch of salt
- 2 tbsp brandy or rum
- Whipped cream, to serve
- Fresh berries or shaved chocolate, to serve

Snow on the ground, summer on the brain

Internship impending. It's hard to believe, but now is the time to start thinking about nabbing that position

LEAH RUEHLICKE
TalentEgg.ca

From debating the merits of unpaid versus paid internships and dissecting the benefits to your career, internships are an even hotter topic than Channing Tatum's stripper movie.

This article aims to break it all down into the simplest terms possible and speak directly to where to look for internships and how to lock one down.

Where are all the internships and co-ops hiding?

The key is to start looking early. Did you know most large employers post their summer internships and co-op roles in January? If you wait much longer it will be too late.

Find summer internships and co-ops online

Check out the summer, internship and co-op job listings here on TalentEgg.ca — there are a ton of roles available (many with deadlines this week and next) and we post new jobs every day!

Visit your career centre

I was a heavy user of the career centre in university and this definitely worked to my advantage.

For one thing, utilizing their resources to find a part-time job actually ended up landing me a student job at the centre because they knew who I was and wanted to help me out. Career centres not only have job listings, they often have connections with other employers (and, at the very least, are an amazing source of information for any questions you might have regarding schooling and your career).

Network with your network

Let people know you are looking for an internship (professors often have a lot of insight and tips for success in this realm — and if you put in the effort, they're most likely going to be very eager to help you). Similar to my career centre tale of success, it's all about getting your face out there and seeking assistance from others.

Another great thing about internships is they can often lead to jobs. Guy Adam, Branch Manager at Robert Half in Laval, Que., offered the following advice for how to turn your internship into something permanent:

Don't be shy

As Guy puts it, "Competition can be fierce in this economy. Showing some confidence, while still acting professionally, can work in your favour." Therefore, don't be conniving, but go after what you want.

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Summer job fairs

Most colleges and universities hold summer job fairs in late January

- These job fairs give you the chance to meet prospective employers and, occasionally, interview right on the spot.
- Furthermore, you will be subjected to tons of companies and positions that you didn't even know existed. Make sure you are well dressed, well-spoken and prepared to answer — and ask — some questions!

Websites and career centres are great resources when looking for a summer internship. ISTOCK

TalentEgg tweets

@TalentEgg: #QuestionoftheDay: What are some effective ways you market yourself to employers? How do you stand out?

- **@kmaniac:** Do unexpected things, like show up unannounced asking for their guidance. Worked for me so far!
- **@Farrah_Chanda:** Being aware of what's happening so I'm present in discussions, can answer questions, solve probs, fill in gaps, coordinate etc.
- **@GregRyderVAN:** Attend events and really study your desired industry, so you can talk about it and know all the ins/outs.

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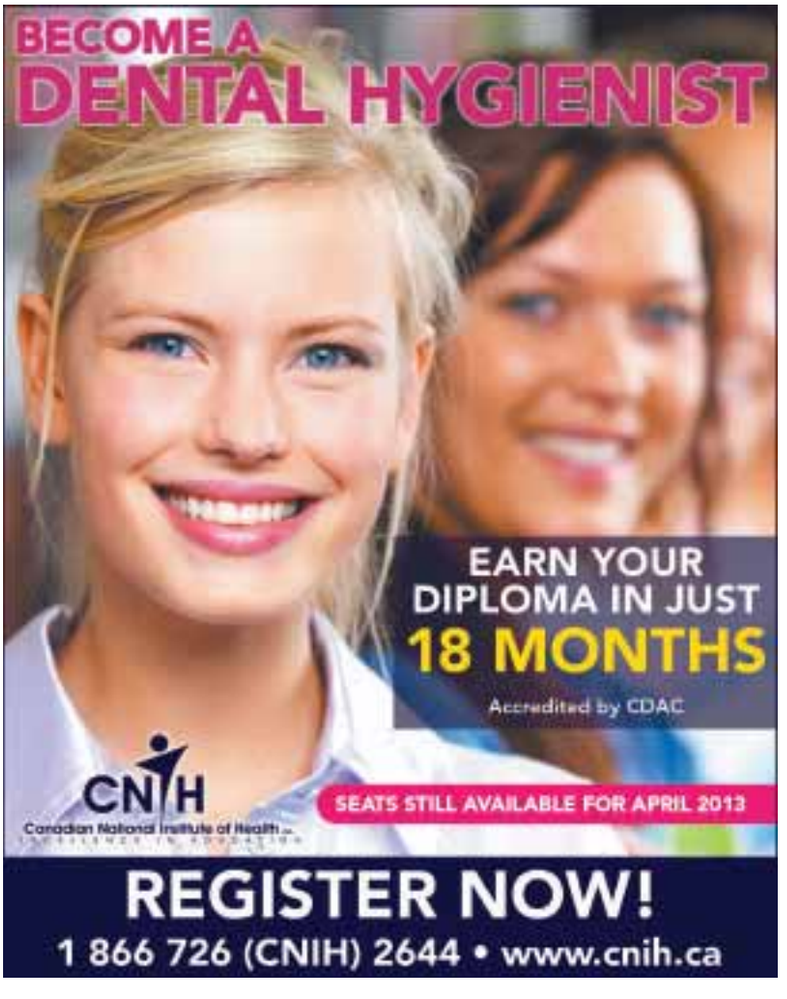

Capitals star Alex Ovechkin smiles as he answers questions during a press conference on Tuesday in Arlington, Va. PABLO MARTINEZ MONSIVAIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Wide grin for Ovechkin in return to Washington

NHL. Caps star returning to D.C. after eventful few months in Moscow

Alex Ovechkin joked about his engagement to a tennis player and wore a T-shirt that read, in Russian: "Am I really the prettiest one here, again?"

Who knows how he'll look on the ice, but the two-time NHL MVP sure seems like his old self.

Having made a quick return from Russia once he heard that the NHL lockout was ending, Ovechkin joined nine other Washington Capitals on the ice for an informal skate Tuesday morning as they awaited the formal ratification of a new collective bargaining agreement.

"Right now it's over," Ovechkin said. "And sometimes you just think, 'Why'd we do that?'"

Ovechkin was so pessimistic about the labour talks that he expected to spend the entire season playing for his hometown Dynamo Moscow in the Kontinental Hockey League.

As it is, he returns in better hockey shape than many of his peers, having played in 31 games with Dynamo. He said he got to celebrate New Year's in Moscow for the first time in 14 years, and on Dec. 31 he gave a ring to tennis player Maria Kirilenko.

Ovechkin smiled when asked about life as an engaged man.

"It's a good feeling," Ovechkin said. "It's not that feeling anymore where you can do whatever you want. You have a girl with a tennis racket and she can hit you."

No date has been set for the wedding — Kirilenko is Down Under as she prepares for the Australian Open — nor have any dates been set for the Capitals. Training camp is expected to begin this weekend, with the regular-season openers following about a week later.

Maria Kirilenko and Alex Ovechkin were engaged on New Year's Eve. GETTY IMAGES FILE

General manager George McPhee said he was told of one schedule that had Washington opening with two games at home — then another that had the team starting with three on the road.

"There are going to be a lot of unknowns here," McPhee said. "No one knows what this is going to look like, who's in shape, who's not, who gets off to the fast start, who doesn't. It's going to be like 48 playoff games."

The good news for the Capitals is that the roster is set. Complicating matters is that they have a new coach, Adam Oates, who was hired after Dale Hunter decided not to return.

"With most teams if the coach has been there already, this week will be a review," McPhee said. "But Adam's going to have to teach a system in the next week or so."

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CFL

Riders bring back Neufeld, McHenry

The Saskatchewan Roughriders announced Tuesday that non-import offensive lineman Patrick Neufeld and non-import receiver Scott McHenry have re-signed with the team.

Neufeld, a Regina native, will be entering his third CFL season with the Riders. Last year he started in 13 of 17 regular-season games. Neufeld was originally selected by the Riders in the fifth round (33rd overall) of the 2010 CFL Canadian draft.

McHenry, a Saskatoon native, will return for his third season in Regina after being drafted by the Calgary Stampeders 32nd overall in 2009. Last year McHenry dressed in all 18 regular-season games registering 19 receptions for 171 yards and one touchdown. He added another three receptions for 35 yards in the West Division semifinal.

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Cycling

Armstrong set to tell all to Oprah?

Lance Armstrong has agreed to a rare televised interview with Oprah Winfrey that will air next week.

According to a release posted on Oprah's website on Tuesday, Armstrong will address allegations that he used performance-enhancing drugs during his cycling career.

Armstrong has strongly denied the doping charges that led to him being stripped of his seven Tour de France titles, but the New York Times reported Friday he has told associates he is considering admitting the use of PEDS.

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NHL camps expected to open Sunday

Washington Capital Roman Hamrlik, right, chats to Montreal Canadien Travis Moen at an informal practice Tuesday in Candiac, Que. PAUL CHIASSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Let the season begin.

NHL training camps are expected to open Sunday after the ratification process for the new collective bargaining agreement is completed, according to deputy commissioner Bill Daly.

The league and NHLPA spent Tuesday continuing to hammer out a memorandum of understanding that will ultimately be voted on by their constituents. The owners will cast ballots in person at a board of governors meeting Wednesday afternoon in New York while the players are expected to vote electronically on Thursday and Friday.

If all of that goes off without a hitch, the agreement would then be signed by the parties.

"It's being worked on," Daly said Tuesday in an email. "We don't need it signed until the ratification process is done, which looks like Saturday."

The deal was hammered out early Sunday morning. Almost immediately, players began travelling back to the cities where their teams play in anticipation of a season unlike anything most have ever seen. A typical training camp runs for about three weeks and can include as many as eight exhibition games per team. This one will have teams on the ice for just five days before opening the regular season.

"We've got to be prepared," Lightning star Steven Stamkos said Tuesday in Tampa. "It's going to be a different year, it's a sprint. THE CANADIAN PRESS

48 games planned

- The league is targeting a 48-game season from Jan. 19, leaving little time for everyone involved with the sport to get organized.

The Toronto Blue Jays officially introduced R.A. Dickey at a news conference in Toronto on Tuesday. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Dickey 'all in' on Blue Jays' plans

MLB. Knuckleballer excited with potential of Toronto team

Last month, the Toronto Blue Jays had a 72-hour window to work out a new deal with R.A. Dickey to close out a trade with the New York Mets for the veteran right-hander.

General manager Alex Anthopoulos pitched his vision of what the Blue Jays would be now and in the future. Dickey immediately liked what he heard.

"I was all in right then," Dickey said. "I think this can be a special few years for this city, for the country and all the players here."

Dickey agreed to a two-year contract extension worth $25 million US with a club option for 2016. He will be an anchor in a much-improved starting rotation that will likely include Josh Johnson, Mark Buehrle and incumbents Brandon Morrow and Ricky Romero.

Dickey was all smiles Tuesday afternoon as he was formally introduced by the team at a packed news conference at Rogers Centre. For the next 40 minutes, he eloquently weighed in on the peaks and valleys of the journey that brought him to this point.

The 38-year-old knuckleballer touched on highs like winning the 2012 National League Cy Young Award. He also discussed the challenge of baring his soul in an autobiography where he divulged he was twice the victim of sexual abuse while growing up.

With Dickey, there are no cliches, no bling and no attitude.

The friendly Nashville native sat attentively at the dais with his fingers intertwined, offering informative and thoughtful answers to a range of questions.

"For the longest time, I kind of fought who I was and I'm thankful that I've been able to live through that into a period where I enjoy embracing who I feel like I am," Dickey said. "That's taken a lot of encouragement and a lot of hard work."

Dickey broke into the majors with the Texas Rangers in 2001 and bounced between triple-A and the major leagues for years. He settled in with the Mets in 2010 and posted impressive numbers over three straight seasons, capped by his 20-6 effort last year to go with a sparkling 2.73 earned-run average. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Quoted

"That's what's so fun about the pitch, is that I still have more to learn. I'm still hungry and passionate about my craft."

R.A. Dickey on his quest to perfect the knuckleball

MLB

Writers may fail to elect new members to HOF

There's a chance the podium under the chandeliers in the gold-and-ivory-coloured Vanderbilt Room of the Waldorf Astoria Hotel will go unused Thursday.

With the cloud of steroids shrouding the candidacies of Barry Bonds, Roger Clemens and others, baseball writers may fail for only the second time in more than four decades to elect anyone to the Hall of Fame, rendering a news conference in New York unnecessary.

About 600 people are eligible to vote in the BBWAA election, all members of the organization for 10 consecutive years at any point. Results will be announced Wednesday, with the focus on first-time eligibles that include Bonds, Clemens, Sammy Sosa and Mike Piazza.

Since 1965, the only years the writers failed to elect a candidate were in 1971 and 1996.

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Language barriers

Prostitutes in Brazil to learn English ahead of World Cup

Prostitutes in one of Brazil's biggest cities are beginning to sign up for free English classes ahead of this year's Confederations Cup and the 2014 World Cup.

Cida Vieira, president of the Association of Prostitutes in the city of Belo Horizonte, said Tuesday that 20 have already signed up for the courses and she expects at least 300 of the group's 4,000 members to follow suit. The association is organizing the classes and seeking volunteer teachers.

"I don't think we will have problems persuading English teachers to provide services for free," she said.

She said classes are expected to begin in March and last up to eight months.

"It will be important for the girls who will be able to use English to let their clients know what they are charging and learn about what turns them on," Vieira said by telephone.

"And for the same reasons we are also thinking of offering free French and Italian classes," she added.

Prostitution is legal in Brazil. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CFL. Business as usual for Als with threat of losing head coach, GM

The head coach is in the running for two NFL jobs, the GM is also said to be a candidate for another post south of the border and the assistant general manager has twice spoken to a new CFL entry.

Just another typical off-season for the Montreal Alouettes and chief operating officer Mark Weightman.

Head coach Marc Trestman, who has led Montreal to two Grey Cup titles in five years, met Monday with the Chicago Bears about their coaching vacancy and was scheduled to huddle with the Cleveland Browns on Tuesday. GM Jim Popp has been mentioned as a candidate for the vacant Carolina Panthers general manager's position while assistant GM Marcel Desjardins had a second interview Monday about the GM post with the Ottawa CFL expansion team slated to begin play in 2014.

"This year is really no different than any other year; it's not the first time there has been speculation of interest for some of our football people south of the border," Weightman said Tuesday. "Really, it's just been part of our day-to-day here over the last few years."

Marc Trestman THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Trestman's name has been mentioned in NFL coaching circles pretty much since he arrived in Montreal in 2008. The Minnesota native's resumé includes NCAA experience with both Miami and North Carolina State and he's spent time in the NFL as a quarterback coach, running back coach and offensive co-ordinator with Minnesota (twice), Tampa Bay, Cleveland, San Francisco, Detroit, Arizona, Oakland and Miami. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Quoted

"If something like that were to happen we'll address it at that time but we're not going to get worked up about it."

Montreal Alouettes COO Mark Weightman on the prospect of Marc Trestman, Jim Popp and Marcel Desjardins all taking new jobs at the same time

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Miami	23	10	.697	—
d-New York	23	11	.676	½
Atlanta	20	12	.625	2½
d-Indiana	21	14	.600	3
Chicago	19	13	.594	3½
Brooklyn	20	15	.571	4
Milwaukee	16	16	.500	6½
Boston	17	17	.500	6½
Philadelphia	15	21	.417	9½
Detroit	13	23	.361	11½
Toronto	12	22	.353	11½
Orlando	12	22	.353	11½
Charlotte	9	24	.273	14
Cleveland	8	28	.222	16½
Washington	5	28	.152	18

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-L.A. Clippers	27	8	.771	—
d-Oklahoma City	26	8	.765	½
d-San Antonio	27	10	.730	1
Memphis	22	10	.688	3½
Golden State	22	11	.667	4
Houston	20	14	.588	6½
Portland	19	15	.559	7½
Denver	20	16	.556	7½
Utah	18	18	.500	9½
Minnesota	15	15	.500	9½
L.A. Lakers	15	18	.455	11
Dallas	13	22	.371	14
Sacramento	13	22	.371	14
Phoenix	12	23	.343	15
New Orleans	9	25	.265	17½

Tuesday's results
Brooklyn 109 Philadelphia 89
Indiana 87 Miami 77
Phoenix at Milwaukee
Atlanta at Minnesota
L.A. Lakers at Houston
Monday's results
Boston 102 New York 96
Chicago 118 Cleveland 92
Memphis 113 Sacramento 81
New Orleans 95 San Antonio 88
Portland 125 Orlando 119 (OT)
Utah 100 Dallas 94
Washington 101 Oklahoma City 99
Wednesday's games — All Times Eastern
Utah at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Atlanta at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Phoenix at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at San Antonio, 8 p.m.
Milwaukee at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Minnesota at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
Houston at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Orlando at Denver, 9 p.m.
Dallas at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.
Memphis at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

NFL

PLAYOFFS

WILD CARD
Saturday's results
AFC — Houston 19 Cincinnati 13
NFC — Green Bay 24 Minnesota 10
Sunday's results
AFC — Baltimore 24 Indianapolis 9
NFC — Seattle 24 Washington 14
DIVISIONAL PLAYOFFS
Saturday's games — All Times Eastern
AFC — Baltimore at Denver, 4:30 p.m.
NFC — Green Bay at San Francisco, 8 p.m.
Sunday's games
NFC — Seattle at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
AFC — Houston at New England, 4:30 p.m.
CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS
Sunday, Jan. 20
AFC and NFC, Dates and Times TBD
SUPER BOWL
Sunday, Feb. 3 — At New Orleans, La.
AFC vs. NFC champions, 6 p.m.

NCAA FOOTBALL

Monday's result
BCS CHAMPIONSHIP
At Miami, Fla.
Alabama 42 Notre Dame 14
RECENT AP NATIONAL CHAMPIONS
2012 — Alabama (13-1)
2011 — Alabama (12-1)
2010 — Auburn (14-0)
2009 — Alabama (14-0)
2008 — Florida (13-1)
2007 — Louisiana State (12-2)
2006 — Florida (13-1)
2005 — Texas (13-0)
2004 — Southern California (13-0)
2003 — Southern California (12-1)
2002 — Ohio State (14-0)
2001 — Miami (12-0)
2000 — Oklahoma (13-0)
1999 — Florida State (12-0)
1998 — Tennessee (13-0)

AHL

Tuesday's results
Hershey at Bridgeport
Worcester at Portland
Toronto at Hamilton
Wednesday's games — All Times Eastern
Syracuse at Rochester, 7:05 p.m.
Binghamton at W-B/Scranton, 7:05 p.m.
Grand Rapids at Rockford, 8:05 p.m.
Thursday's game
Lake Erie at San Antonio, 8 p.m.

GOLF

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At Kapalua, Hawaii
Yardage: 7,452; Par: 73
Final Round
(FedExCup points in parentheses)

Dustin Johnson (500), $1,140,000	69-66-68—203
Steve Stricker (300), $665,000	71-67-69—207
Brandt Snedeker (190), $432,000	70-70-69—209
Bubba Watson (123), $304,000	70-69-71—210
Keegan Bradley (123), $304,000	71-69-70—210
Rickie Fowler (95), $212,500	70-74-67—211
Tommy Gainey (95), $212,500	72-69-70—211
Carl Pettersson (85), $190,000	70-72-70—212
Ian Poulter (78), $175,000	71-74-69—214
Matt Kuchar (78), $175,000	74-71-69—214
Mark Wilson (68), $155,000	69-76-70—215
Webb Simpson (68), $155,000	72-72-71—215
J.J. Henry (56), $120,400	71-74-71—216
Johnson Wagner (56), $120,400	72-72-72—216
Scott Stallings (56), $120,400	72-74-70—216
Scott Piercy (56), $120,400	72-71-73—216
Nick Watney (56), $120,400	69-73-74—216
Jonas Blixt (51), $87,600	72-74-72—218
Ben Curtis (51), $87,600	70-76-72—218
John Huh (51), $87,600	73-71-74—218
Zach Johnson (51), $87,600	74-72-72—218
Jason Dufner (51), $87,600	72-77-69—218
Charlie Beljan (47), $73,000	71-75-75—221
Bill Haas (47), $73,000	71-75-75—221
Marc Leishman (47), $73,000	75-75-71—221
Hunter Mahan (45), $67,000	72-77-74—223
Ted Potter, Jr. (45), $67,000	75-75-73—223
Ryan Moore (43), $63,000	72-77-76—225
George McNeill (43), $63,000	79-73-73—225
Kyle Stanley (41), $61,000	78-80-72—230

SOCCER

ENGLAND

LEAGUE CUP
SEMIFINALS
Tuesday's result
Bradford City 3 Aston Villa 1

SPAIN

COPA DEL REY
FIFTH ROUND, SECOND LEG
Tuesday's results
Malaga 4 Eibar 1
(Malaga advances on 5-2 aggregate)
Valencia 2 Osasuna 1
(Valencia advances 4-1)

DRIVE

Not just a u$ed car auction

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Looking for a good used car? You could do worse than heading to Arizona next week for Collector Car Auction Week.

Bring your wallet.

Better yet, re-mortgage your house, cash in your RRSPs, find the Canadian Tire Money, sell your kids for medical experiments, check under the sofa cushions for loose change and snacking material and visit Harold the Jewelry Buyer.

Because some of these cars are on the pricey side…

Take for example the 1965 Ford GT40 consigned to RM Auctions' sale in Phoenix. The GT40 used in the Steve McQueen film, Le Mans, was auctioned off last year at RM's California sale for $11 million, making it the most expensive American car ever sold.

The road-going '65 GT40 going under the hammer in Arizona is expected to sell for between $2.4 million and $3 million. In case you're wondering, that doesn't include the safety check, emission test, or winter tires.

Big money mobile: The 1960 Ferrari 250 GT SWB Berlinetta Competizione 'will be the top seller'. PHOTO FROM RM AUCTIONS

Another quite nice RM consignment is the 1930 Duesenberg Model J Tourster. Only eight were built. Their open-top bodies were designed and built by the coach building firm, Derham. Estimated auction price: $1.2 million to $1.6 million.

In fact, RM figures eight of its Phoenix auction consignments will fetch over $1 million. There is no doubt, however, about which one will set the bar high — the 1960 Ferrari 250 GT SWB Berlinetta Competizione.

"It will be the top seller of the week in Arizona," says Gord Duff of RM Auctions over the phone from the firm's home base in Blenheim, Ont. (Yes, one of the top collector car auction houses in the world is Canadian.) "There isn't another auction selling anything that would bring this kind of money."

What's "this kind" of money? Well we don't know for sure. But some Ferrari 250 GTs sell for around $5 million, while others go for around $9 million. This particular 250 GT is considered one of the purest and most well documented 250 GTs out there, with just four owners since new. So figure more toward the high end of the scale.

While it might be the highest price achiever in Arizona next week, it will likely take a back seat in the paparazzi department to a car set to take the Barrett-Jackson auction stage over in Scottsdale. That would be the first and original Batmobile. After starring in the TV series, its creator, George Barris, bought it from Ford for $1. It's been his ever since. It changes hands next week, for the first time ever since that $1 sale. It's likely the most well-known and recognizable car in the world.

The other auction houses that make the scene at Arizona Collector Car Auction Week are Gooding and Company, Russo and Steele, Bonhams and Silver Auctions.

"Arizona sets the tone for the coming year," notes Duff. RM is expecting Arizona to continue the strong sales trends of 2012. "The collector car market is especially strong right now, particularly for blue-chip, investment type automobiles."

Duff says enthusiasts from emerging markets, like the United Arab Emirates, Russia, India, China and Brazil, are bolstering the collector car ranks these days.

It's a global thing now and facilitating the togetherness is the Internet. Duff adds these out-of-country buyers often watch the auction online and bid online. And so can you — the RM auction will be live on rmauctions.com. Just make sure you got enough headroom on the charge cards.

'Steer where you want to go'

Driving Force.

See your path and follow your vision when your car is sliding and steering is tricky this winter on the roads

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No matter what or where you are driving, the most important sense you use is your vision. It's always essential to "look where you want to go," especially if you find yourself in an emergency situation.

"Anyone can drive straight on a dry road," says precision driver Ryan Lanteigne. "What differentiates drivers is the ability to deal with the worst conditions. You have to steer the way you want to go."

Lanteigne was teaching winter driving at a special event sponsored by Michelin. Drivers were sent onto a water-soaked plastic pad, which simulates ice. Once the driver was on the pad, Lanteigne would pull on the handbrake, sending the car sideways. The driver then had to steer the car to get it back on course.

Quoted

"What differentiates drivers is the ability to deal with the worst conditions. You have to steer the way you want to go."

Precision driving instructor Ryan Lanteigne. On what sets good and bad drivers apart

The first time I went through, I thought I was steering correctly, but my car still spun around. "You weren't looking where you wanted to go," Lanteigne said. Sure enough, I realized I'd been looking straight down the hood.

Instead, I should have been looking beyond the skid pad. The second time I went through, I steered the car but looked to my right at the dry asphalt.

That's where my car ended up, pointing straight ahead and ready to continue safely. Whenever you're driving, it's important to look as far ahead as possible — right to the horizon, if you can — and never at the road directly ahead of your car.

This gives you a full field of vision and lets you see problems up ahead, such as stopped vehicles or pedestrians, before you get too close to them. This can even help with fuel efficiency, since you may be able to slow down or go around traffic, instead of stopping completely and then having to accelerate again.

It's important not to fixate on things, because your hands will follow your vision. A surprising number of people hit police cars or tow trucks that are stopped on the side of the road, because drivers stare at the flashing lights and don't realize that they're heading straight toward something they need to avoid.

Students drive on a plastic, water-covered pad that feels like ice. HANDOUT

Tips

- **Take note.** If you turn the steering wheel but your car continues straight ahead on a slippery surface, a condition known as understeer, don't turn the wheel harder. Instead, "unwind" it slightly in the opposite direction. This will help the tires grip and let you regain control.

- **Back to school.** Many of the skills needed for safe winter driving aren't intuitive, and lessons at a qualified "skid school" or winter driving course are a good idea for all drivers.

Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
Venus, planet of harmony, moves into the career area of your chart today, so you will gain more by being nice to people than by trying to be a tough guy. Work with others and you can all be winners.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
A little bit of gentle persuasion will get you everything you desire today. You don't need to force others to do your bidding. They will go out of their way to accommodate your needs. Within reason, of course.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
Stand up to those who seem to enjoy making you feel bad about yourself. You are who you are for a reason and no one has the right to suggest that you should change your look, your ways or your attitude.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
Venus, planet of love and harmony, moves into the partnership area of your chart today and almost immediately you will find that relationship problems are not as serious as you imagined. The fact is they never were.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
You need to take a more relaxed view of everyday activities, especially those that require bursts of physical energy. Aggressive activity is rarely a good idea, so pace yourself sensibly over the next 24 hours.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Creative activities and affairs of the heart will go very well indeed over the next few weeks, so look on the bright side and don't be afraid to take chances. By far the biggest risk is taking no risks at all.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
As Venus, your ruler, moves into one of the more sensitive areas of your chart, you won't mind admitting you got something wrong. This is much a time for forgiving, forgetting and moving on together.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Travel and social activities will get a boost over the next few days, so start making plans. Even if you are a Scorpio who does not like the party life, you'll want to see and be seen. You're worth looking at!

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
There is really no point worrying about money matters and business issues. They will all come right in the end. Whatever your personal commitments may be you will find a way to meet them — somehow you always do.

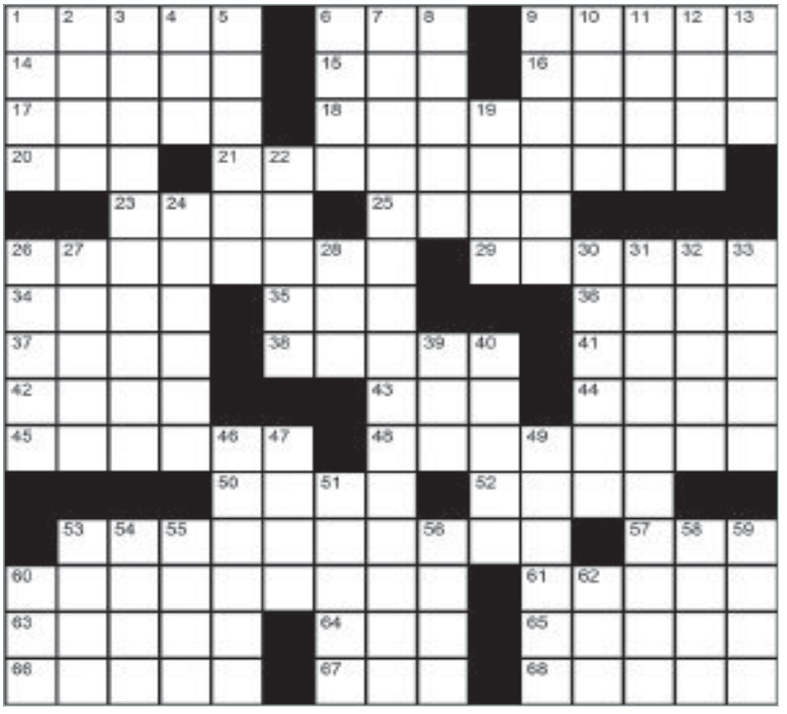
♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You will find it much easier to relax and take life as it comes now that Venus is joining the Sun in your sign. You don't have to be on the go every minute of every day. Give yourself a break occasionally.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Being the charitable sort, you sometimes allow people to get away with things they really don't deserve to get away with. Don't be too generous for your own good over the next 24 hours.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Allow yourself to think the unthinkable thought. Allow yourself to dream the impossible dream. With so much positive cosmic activity today there is precious little you cannot do, so set your sights high — then go even higher. SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: Canada Across & Down

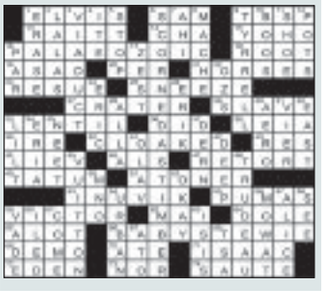
BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



Across
1. St. __, Nfld.
6. Cdn. business since 1670
9. Guess Who's "__ Eyes"
14. English band, __ Heep
15. Pub serving
16. Lake for Sarnia, ON
17. Tori's "Beverly Hills, 90210" role
18. Hugh Jackman role
20. Tree-like Tolkien creature
21. Harry Potter's best friend: 2 wds.
23. Environmental sci.
25. Fit
26. "Nessun Dorma", an aria from this Puccini opera
29. Belonging to our planet
34. "__ have to do."
35. German 'I'
36. 'Fed' suffix
37. Greenish-blue
38. Decree
41. Japanese soup
42. Thomas Augustine __: "Rule, Britannia" composer
43. Angelina Jolie title role
44. "I could __ _ horse I'm so hungry!"
45. One who silently approves
48. Where Bob Bratina is mayor
50. Bemoaned
52. Meas. with width
53. Canada's highest peak: 2 wds.
57. Beirut is its cap.
60. Co-worker
61. Jim Carrey flick, "Me, Myself & __" (2000)
63. Old Jennifer Garner series
64. "_ __ Blind" by 54-40
65. Little Richard hit: "__ Frutti"
66. Blood vessel implant
67. Gary Bettman's org.
68. Movie critic Roger

Down
1. Mr. Law
2. "__ __ the other hand..."
3. __ Who's Who (Canadian wildlife TV vignettes)
4. Grandma
5. Kelly Osbourne's mother
6. Actress Goldie
7. The Tragically Hip song: 4 wds.
8. Li'l star
9. Neptune's realm: 2 wds.
10. Lose yer lunch
11. Great Lake
12. Electronics company
13. Compass†point
19. Farewell, to Catullus
22. Golden hit tune
24. Phoned
26. Hyperion, for one, in Greek mythology
27. 1993 Nirvana album: 'In __'
28. Repetitive checking or hand-washing, e.g.
30. Make more cheese gooey again
31. Canadian Olympian Simon Whitfield, for one
32. Must: 2 wds.
33. "The Good in Everyone" band
39. The Company org.
40. Berry Gordy Jr.'s other early record label
46. Author Mr. Hemingway
47. Montreal-born actress Ms. Lee
49. Fire up
51. Toronto theatre, __ & Winter Garden
53. Shed, snake-style
54. "Rolie Polie __"
55. Capital of Mongolia, __ Bator
56. Mineralogist's field, for short
58. Play interlude, __'acte
59. "So __ __."
60. '_' __ in Canada
62. Wipe

Yeterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

	2		7		8		1	
1			6		5			9
	6			1			5	
		5				7		
6	1						4	3
		4				1		
	5			3			6	
8			4		9			2
	9		2		7		8	

Yesterday's Sudoku

5	2	3	9	1	4	6	7	8
9	4	7	3	8	6	2	1	5
6	1	8	5	7	2	3	4	9
1	6	5	7	3	9	4	8	2
7	9	4	8	2	1	5	3	6
3	8	2	4	6	5	7	9	1
2	7	1	6	9	3	8	5	4
8	5	9	2	4	7	1	6	3
4	3	6	1	5	8	9	2	7

Sharability

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